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**Initial Proposal
Dirty Donovan Timber Sale
12-4-2014**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Missoula Unit is proposing to harvest timber on the following state owned parcels:

Sections 2,4,10,12,13 and 24 T12N R17W

These sections are located approximately 15 miles east of Missoula, Montana in the Dirty Ike and Donovan Creek drainages in Missoula County.

The primary objectives of the proposed project are:

- Return the stand to the desired future condition by promoting seral species
- Maintain forest productivity
- Generate revenue for the Common Schools Trust

The proposal would harvest approximately 3.25 million board feet from approximately 800 acres using shelterwood, seed tree and individual tree selection harvest prescriptions. The proposed harvest would contribute to the DNRC's sustained yield as mandated by state statute 77-5-222.

Road maintenance and improvement would be needed on existing access roads and some new road construction (approximately 3.5 miles) may be necessary to improve function and drainage of the haul route.

Noxious weed management, pre-commercial thinning and tree planting may also occur under the proposed action.

The DNRC is in the scoping phase of the project environmental assessment so all volumes and acreages are preliminary estimates. In preparation for this project, specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, and archeologists will be consulted.

The Montana DNRC invites written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal. Please respond by January 2, 2015 to:

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